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C. H. Townsend, Evermann, Henshaw and Bendire. These are supplemented by original notes supplied by various observers of the Pacific District, including about the same men as furnished notes for the *Land Birds*. The habitat of each species is given under the trivial and scientific names, followed by notes on distribution, migration, feeding, nesting and general habits. The notes on most species are very copious, covering in many cases three and four pages. Each statement is preceded by the name of the author, thus following the plan which was found so satisfactory in the previous volume. The work is especially valuable to us on account of the exact records made for California species, of which notes Mr. Belding has supplied a large portion from his own observations. In spite of its being thirteen years old the book would furnish us with a good basis for our proposed State List.

Mr. Belding's own extensive and long continued observations on this coast have particularly fitted him for the preparation of this much-needed paper and we regret that it has not been made available for general use, as it is by far the best thing of its kind which has been done for the state. Some would perhaps object that the quotations are too lengthy, but I believe this to be one of its virtues, too often lacking in scientific works of a similar nature.

R. C. M.

In a letter received from Dawson City under date of Aug. 2, Mr. Wilfred H. Osgood of the Biological Survey expedition writes of the good health and good work of the party to date. Among others the eggs of the Varied Thrush had been taken.

### Official Minutes of Northern Division.

Regular bi-monthly meeting held at Haywards, Cal., with W. Otto Emerson presiding. W. H. Kobbe of Ft. Mason, San Francisco, was elected to active membership. Bills amounting to \$3.73 for current expenses were allowed the secretary. The names of Cloud Rutter of Stanford University and Lawrence Kessing of Alameda were proposed for active membership. Votes of thanks were tendered the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, G. Frean Morcom, H. R. Taylor, R. H. Beck and H. W. Carriger for donations to the club. A half-tone of the adopted club crest was ordered made at once. A petition to change the present name of the BULLETIN to that of "The Condor" was introduced in writing, unanimously passed, and referred to the Southern Division for action. If adopted, this change will take effect with the January issue. Mr. Barlow read a letter from W. H. Osgood, dated Dawson City. Papers were read as follows: "A Northern Record for the Black-chinned Sparrow," by D. A. Cohen; "A Night at Sea," by A. W. Anthony; "Lassoing a California Vulture," by F. Stephens, and "Nesting of *Parus rufescens* in Washington," by W. H. Kobbe. Adjourned to meet Nov. 4.

C. BARLOW, Division Secretary.

### Official Minutes of Southern Division.

The August meeting of the Southern Division was held Aug. 30 at 403 Bradbury Block, Los Angeles, Pres. McCormick presiding. Seven members were present. The following members were dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues: Roy B. Blackman, R. L. Garnier, F. B. Jewett, Bert Robbins, B. H. Swales, L. P. Williams and Otto J. Zahn. The name of H. H. Dunn of Fullerton was proposed for active membership by Mr. Daggett. Messrs. Swarth and Robertson were appointed a committee to arrange for the October outing meeting. Mr. Daggett gave an interesting account of his trip to Mt. Whitney and read extracts from a letter recently received from Jos. Grinnell, now at Cape Nome, Alaska. The following papers were read: "The Flycatchers of Arizona," (embracing the Sulphur-bellied, Olivaceous and Buff-breasted) by O. W. Howard; "Notes on the Gray-crowned Leucosticte in the Vicinity of Mt. Whitney," by F. S. Daggett, and two papers from the Northern Division.

HOWARD ROBERTSON,  
Division Secretary.

### Publications Received.

- Bird Lore*, I, No. 4, Aug., 1899.
- Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Nat. Sciences*, Vols. II, III, IV, V complete and Vol. VI, No. 1.
- Bulletin of the Dept. of Agriculture*, Nos. 2, 4 and 5, (to complete files).
- Bulletin Michigan Ornithological Club*, III, No. 2, April, 1899.
- Giornale Ornitologico Italiano*, III, No. 15—16, Mch.,—April, 1899.
- Journal of the Maine Ornithological Society*, I, No. 3, July, 1899.
- Maine Sportsman*, VI, Nos. 71 and 72, July and August, 1899.
- Museum*, V, Nos. 9 and 10, July and August, 1899.
- North American Fauna*, Nos. 11 and 12, (to complete files.)
- North American Fauna*, No. 15, Aug. 8, 1899.
- Oologist*, XVI, Nos. 6, 7 and 8, June, July and August, 1899.
- Ornithologisches Jahrbuch*, X, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Jan.—Aug., 1899.
- Osprey*, III, No. 10, June, 1899.
- Plant World*, II, Nos. 10 and 11, July and August, 1899.
- Recreation*, XI, No. 2, August, 1899.
- Sports Afield*, XXIII, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, July, August and September, 1899.
- Wilson Bulletin*, No. 27, July, 1899.

The expedition sent to the Galapagos Islands by Hon. Timothy Hopkins in the interests of the Stanford University has returned after a ten months' collecting trip, bringing much valuable material in all branches of science, including several new species of birds from formerly unvisited islands. Edmund Heller M. C. O. C. and R. E. Snodgrass, both of Stanford University, were in charge of the expedition.